

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**CONFIRMATION/RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

On April 14, 2006, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that included, as part of the required submission under 37 CFR § 1.114, a new Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and an Amendment/Reply (titled "Amendment Filed with RCE"), and further incorporated into the submission an IDS filed October 12, 2005 and another IDS filed September 30, 2005.

The RCE transmittal itself was properly signed using a standard S-signature. However, Applicant inadvertently failed to properly sign the Amendment/Reply. Thus, enclosed herewith is an Amendment/Reply that is identical to the previously-filed Amendment/Reply except that the paper has been properly signed using a standard S-signature.

Although the RCE submission described above is believed to have been a proper submission under 37 CFR § 1.114 even in the absence of the Amendment/Reply, it is further respectfully asserted that, to the extent the submission is considered not to be "fully responsive," the submission was, at the very least, a "*bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the final Office action" as described in MPEP § 706.07(h) section VI. Although the *bona fide* nature of the submission is believed apparent from a review of the unsigned Amendment/Reply, the

Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to MPEP § 502.02, which states, in part, that the "inadvertent failure to follow the format and content of an S-signature will be treated as a *bona fide* attempt at a signature."

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment/Reply originally submitted on April 14, 2006, and subsequently confirmed and/or ratified by virtue of this paper, be entered and due consideration given to the amendments and remarks contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,  
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